

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method of treating or preventing [[an]] a gram-positive infection in a subject, said method comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of a purified and isolated peptide having the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID No: 2, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, amide, ester, or prodrug thereof.

10. (Original) A method according to claim 9, wherein the peptide is administered orally.

11. (Original) A method according to claim 9, wherein the peptide is administered topically.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 9, wherein the peptide is applied to a surface of a medical device.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 12, wherein the medical device is a catheter.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 12, further including the step of coating the medical device with the peptide prior to contacting the subject therewith.

15. (New) A method according to claim 12 wherein said medical device is selected from the group consisting of: a tube, artificial valve, a pacemaker and an implantable device.

16. (New) A method according to claim 12 further including the step of linking the peptide to a polymer prior to being applied to the surface of the medical device.

17. (New) A method of treating or preventing an infection in a subject, said method comprising administering to said subject infected with or susceptible to a gram-positive bacterium an effective amount of a purified and isolated peptide having the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID No: 2, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, amide, ester, or prodrug thereof selected from the genus consisting of staphylococci, enterococci, and pneumococci.

18. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein the peptide is administered orally.

19. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein the peptide is administered topically.

20. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein the peptide is applied to a surface of a medical device.

21. (New) A method according to claim 20, wherein the medical device is a catheter.

22. (New) A method according to claim 20, further including the step of coating the medical device with the peptide prior to contacting the subject therewith.

23. (New) A method according to claim 20 wherein said medical device is selected from the group consisting of: a tube, artificial valve, a pacemaker and an implantable device.

24. (New) A method according to claim 20 further including the step of linking the peptide to a polymer prior to being applied to the surface of the medical device.

25. (New) A method according to claim 17 wherein the gram-positive bacterium is multi-drug resistant.

26. (New) A method according to claim 17 wherein the gram-positive bacterium is a Group A streptococci.

27. (New) A method according to claim 17 wherein the gram-positive bacterium is an enterococci.

28. (New) A method according to claim 17 wherein the gram-positive bacterium is a pneumococci.